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Purposes & Outcomes

- Accountability
- Support
- Improved outcomes
- Technical assistance



My Assumptions

- Doing the right thing
- Trust
- Openness

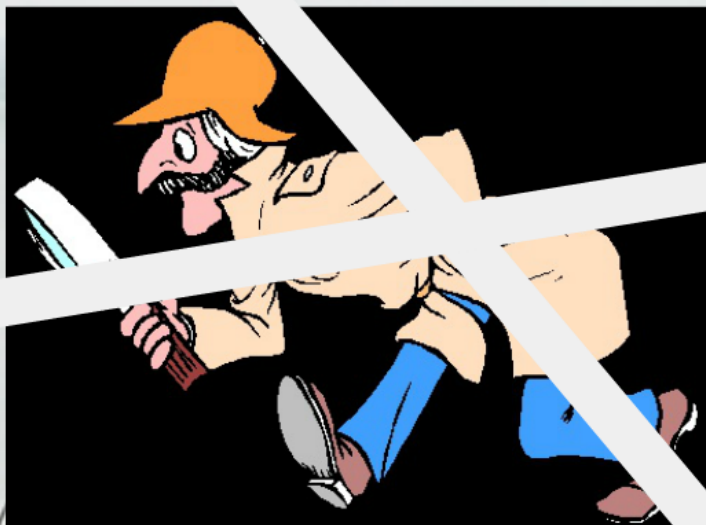
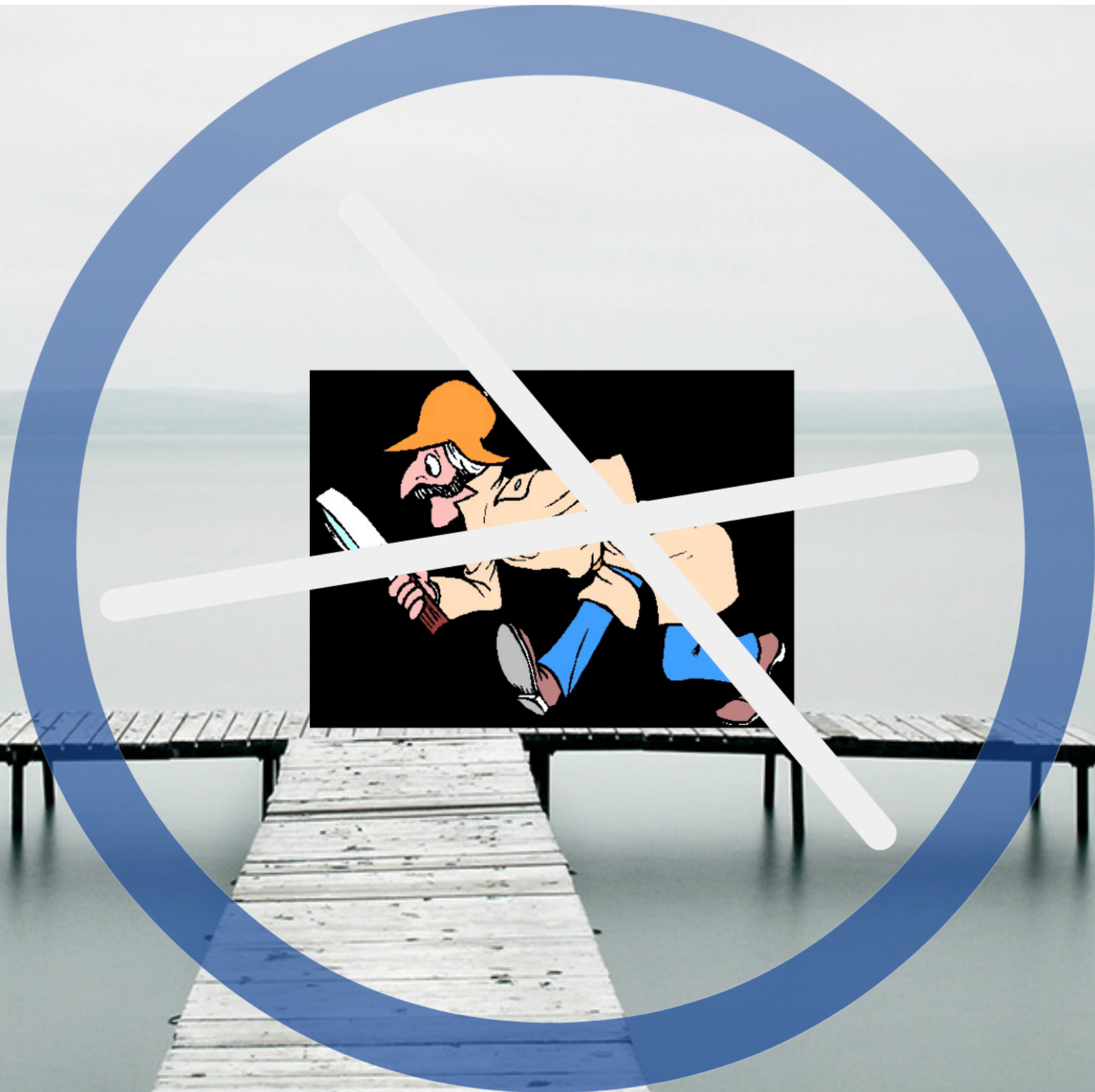
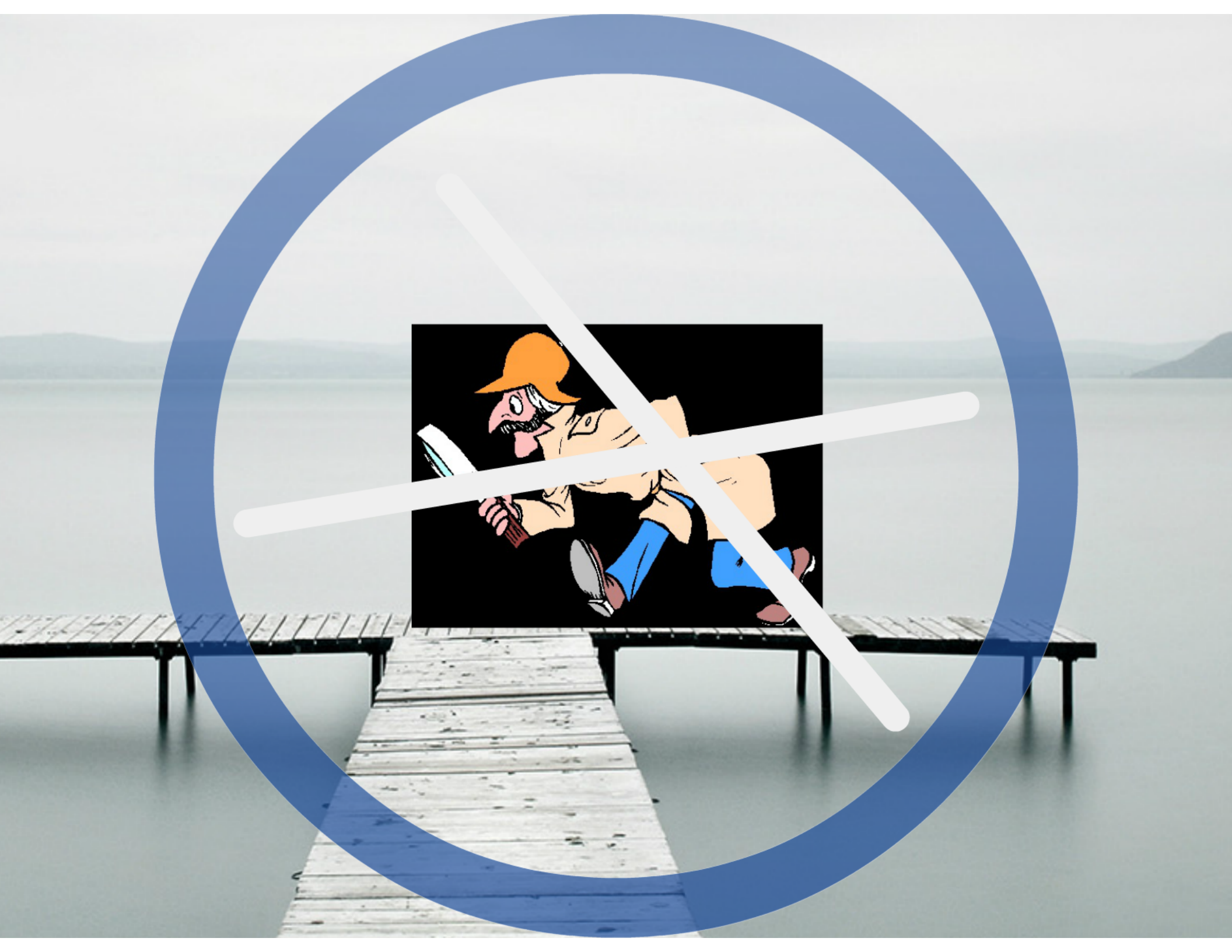
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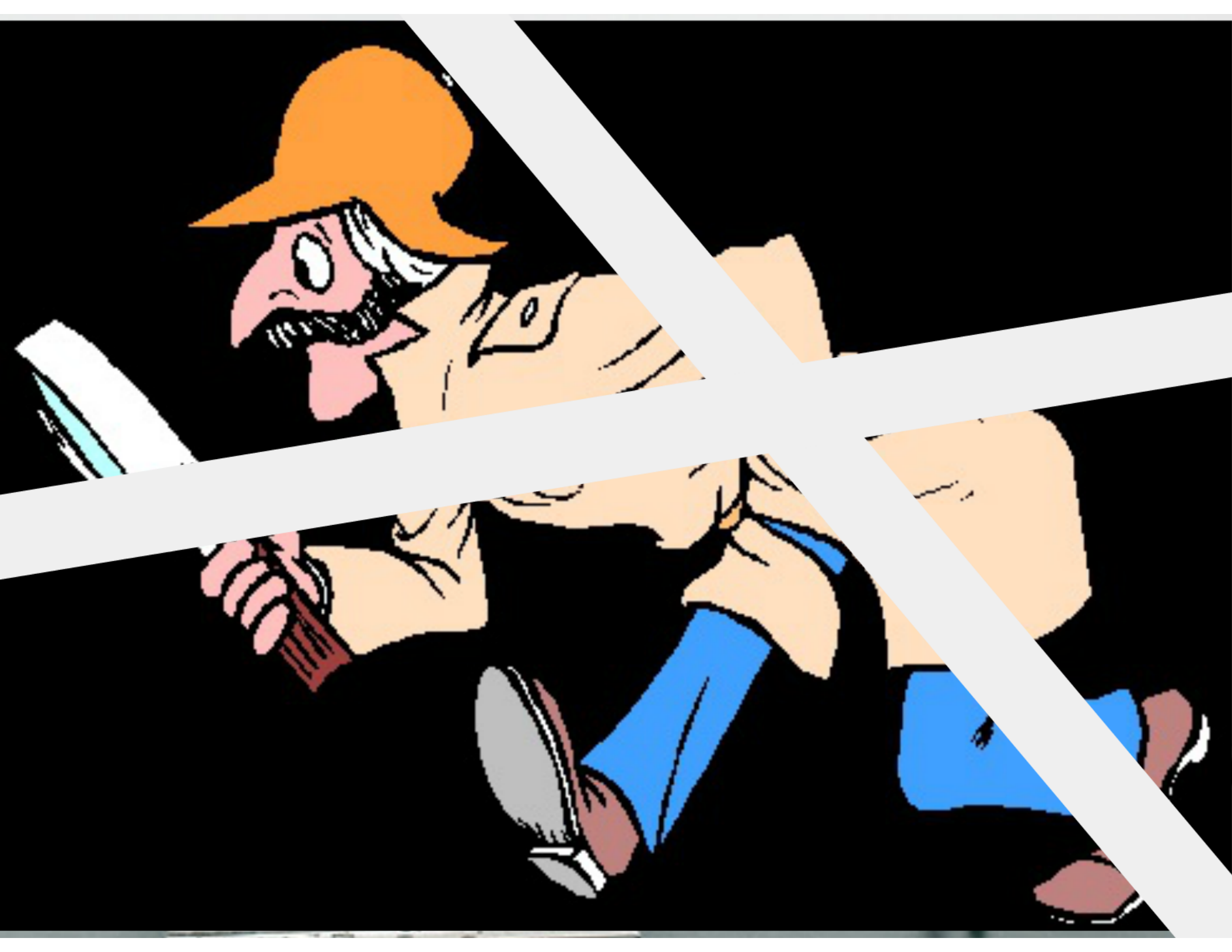
- on-site, paper review, both?
- advance preparation
- sources of information
 - observation, files, interviews
- triangulation

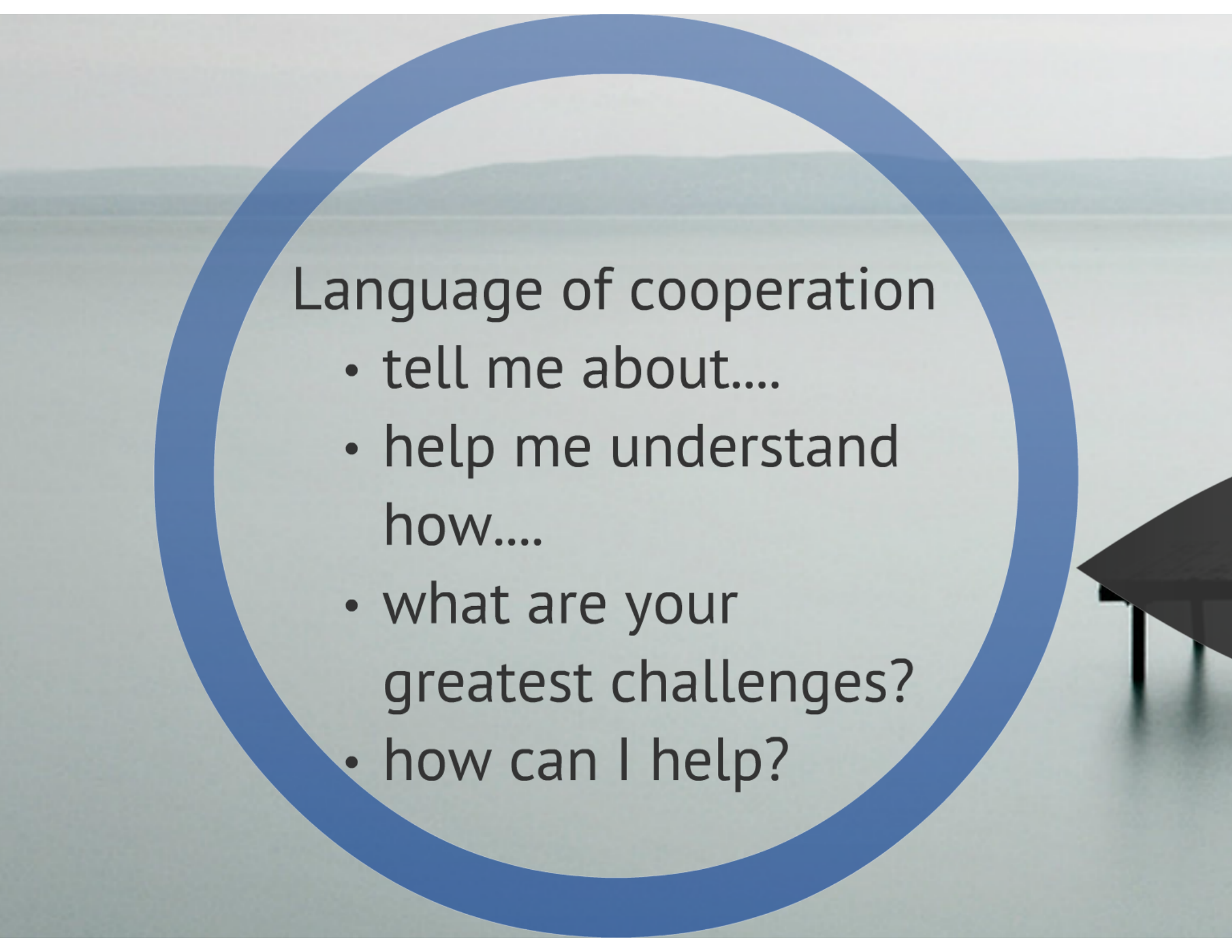
A photograph of a wooden pier or dock extending into a calm body of water. The pier is made of wooden planks and has several vertical support posts. The water is very still, reflecting the pier and the sky. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The overall mood is serene and quiet.

Approach

- Outcomes - end product
- Players - who is involved
- Do you understand the process?







Language of cooperation

- tell me about....
- help me understand how....
- what are your greatest challenges?
- how can I help?



Talking to kids (and adults)

- who, why
- taking notes
- big picture

Exit interviews

What questions do you have?

Here's what I've (we've) learned:

- strengths & weaknesses (challenges)
- did we get this right?
- are there questions I should have asked but I didn't?
- next steps, timeline?

